Revised Reclamation Project in Gujarat

2782. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether revised reclamation project in Gujarat is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) by when it would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Project proposal on "Ecological Restoration through Integrated Development Programme in Saraswati and Shetrunji river basin" of Gujarat State has been forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance with recommendation to consider the project for financial assistance under Japan Bank for International Co-operation (JBIC).

The State Government has been requested to modify the project proposals on "Reclamation of Alkali Soil in Gujarat State" and "Pilot Project for Prevention of salinity Ingress in Coastal Areas of Saurashtra" based on the comments received from Planning Commission.

Funds for agriculture and animal husbandry

2783. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for development of agriculture and animal husbandry during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the criteria adopted/followed by Government in allocating funds to those States; and

(c) the guidelines/procedure adopted by States in utilizing these funds?